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SUBJ: FRENCH AMBASSADOR' S MEETING WITH GROMYKO MAY 15, 1973

AT WEEKLY QUADRIpartite MEETING MAY 16, FRENCH DCM REPORTED THAT
AMBASSADOR VIMONT HAD MET WITH GROMYKO ON MAY 15 FOR A ROUTINE
CALL. DURING THE MEETING, GROMYKO COMMENTED ON A NUMBER OF
SUBJECTS WHICH ARE LISTED BELOW.

A. CSCE. GROMYKO THOUGHT THE END OF JUNE WAS NOW MORE OR
LESS AGREED TO AS A TIME FOR THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS.
HE COMMENTED THAT THE ITEM ON PRINCIPLES IN BASKET ONE STILL
PRESENTED SOME PROBLEMS. HE TOOK THE WELL- KNOWN POSITION THAT
THE PRINCIPLE OF INVIOlABILITY OF FRONTIERS SHOULD COME FIRST
AND BE INDEPENDENT OF OTHER PRINCIPLES. WHILE THE SOVIET UNION
AGREED TO ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS AND THE EXCHANGE OF
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OBSERVERS, IT OPPOSED ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF TROOP MOVEMENTS UNDER
THE CBM ITEM. HE STRESSED THAT ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF TROOP
MOVEMENTS WOULD PLACE UNNECESSARY BURDENS ON THE CONFERENCE BECAUSE
OF THE DIFFICULTY OF DEFINING WHAT CONSITTUTES A TROOP MOVEMENT.

GROMYKO DID NOT MENTION ITEMS IN THE SECOND AND THIRD BASKETS.

B. BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN. GROMYKO TOLD AMBASSADOR VIMONT THAT THREE AGREEMENTS ARE READY TO BE SIGNED. HE DID NOT MENTION THE BERLIN CLAUSE AND GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT EVERYTHING WAS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY.

C. MBFR. GROMYKO SAID THE SOVIET UNION WOULD ALWAYS BE

HAPPY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH FRANCE ON THIS SUBJECT AND HOPED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES COULD WORK TOWARD COMMON ENDS IN THIS CONNECTION. HE IMPLIED THAT THE SOVIET UNION REGRETTED FRANCE' S ABSENCE AT THE MBFR TALKS. GROMYKO COMMENTED THAT THE SUBJECT OF FORCE REDUCTIONS WAS DIFFICULT, COMPLEX AND MANY - SIDED. IT WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME TO REACH AGREEMENTS AND HE HOPED THAT EVERYBODY CONCERNED UNDERSTOOD THAT PATIENCE WOULD BE REQUIRED.

D. MIDDLE EAST. GROMYKO TOUCHED ON THIS MATTER ONLY IN PASSING, EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER A POSSIBLE EXPLOSION IN THE AREA. HE OFFERED NO VIEWS AS TO HOW THE SITUATION COULD BE ALLEVIATED. (IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY, THE FRENCH DCM SAID AMBASSADOR VIMONT DID NOT BRING UP THE SITUATION IN LEBANON WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE DANGERS SYRIAN INTERVENTION PERSENTS.)

E. INDOCHINA. GROMYKO MERELY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT EVERYBODY WOULD RESPECT THE PARIS AGREEMENT.
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